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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al. )

- AGAINST - )

ARAKI, SADAO, et al. )

A F F I D A V I T

I, TOMITA, Kenji, do swear on my conscience that the following is true.

I was chief Secretary of the Third KONOYE Cabinet. In this capacity I attended all cabinet meetings, regular and extraordinary. I, therefore, heard all matters that were discussed at these cabinet meetings by the various members of the cabinet. I remember quite well that in October 1941 a crisis developed in the cabinet over the Japanese-American peace negotiations. The American Government, through the Secretary of State Cordell Hull, had made certain demands on the Japanese Government. The Prime Minister Prince KONOYE and the rest of the cabinet, with the exception of the War Minister, TOJO, Hideki wished to accede to these demands of the American Government in order to better Japanese-American relations and preserve peace in the Pacific. The aforesaid General TOJO refused to be a party to this policy, particularly refusing to withdraw Japanese troops from China. The aforesaid War Minister, General TOJO, was supported in this stand by General SUGIYAMA, Hajime, Chief of the Army General Staff; General YAMADA, Otozo, Inspector General of Military Education; General MOTO, Akira, Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau and the Vice Minister of War, General KIMURA, Heitaro. The aforesaid War Minister General TOJO threatened to resign from the cabinet over the aforesaid policy thereby forcing Premier Prince KONOYE to resign with the rest of his cabinet on October 16, 1941.

/s/ Tomita Kenji  
TOMITA, Kenji

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named TOMITA, Kenji at War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 17th day of June, 1946.

Harryman Dorsey  
Captain, JAGD



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Fred F. Suzukawa, HEREBY CERTIFY that I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that I, this day, read the foregoing affidavit to the above-named TOMITA, Kenji in Japanese, and in so doing, truly and correctly translated the contents thereof from English into Japanese; and that said TOMITA, Kenji stated to me that the contents of said Affidavit were the truth, and that he was willing to sign said Affidavit under oath; and that said TOMITA, Kenji was duly sworn in my presence and signed said Affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said Affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

Dated this 17th day of June, 1946, at Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ Fred F. Suzukawa,  
2nd Lt. AVS.